Primary aluminium metal production by recycling the scrap

3235. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of primary Aluminium metal production made by recycling the scrap in the year 2000-2001;

(b) how it compares with the World figures; and

(c) how much Aluminium scrap was imported during last three years and how the use of imported scrap compares with the domestic scrap in respect of Aluminium metal production through recycling process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c) Exact data on aluminium metal produced from recycling scrap are not available. It is estimated that in India, roughly 15-20% of total aluminium metal production may be obtained through recycling of scrap. In other parts of the world, mainly USA, Japan and Europe, reportedly 25-30% of aluminium metal is produced through recycling. Imported scrap generally gives better quality product on recycling, as compared to domestic scrap which is usually not sorted and graded.

Shovel destroyed in Jayant project

†3236. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister COAL AND MINES be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question 3053 on the 19th December, 2001 in Rajya Sabha and State:

(a) what action has been taken against then Chief General Manager and Additional General Manager (Mines) for the damage to the machine;

(b) the total amount spent by the Jayant Project for repairing of machine;

(c) whether it is a fact that completely damaged Shovel was not removed for three days;

(d) whether it is a also a fact that as per the report of Security Committee of the Jayant Project, the Shovel was completely destroyed and was not workable for months; and

(e) the month-wise working hours, after the three days of accident, alongwith the total production made by the machine, till date?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The incident was thoroughly enquired and examined by a Committee consisting of senior officers. Committee submitted the enquiry report. As per the finding of the enquiry neither the then Chief General Manager nor additional General Manager (Mines) have been found responsible.

(b) The repair work has been awarded to M/s Voltas Limited (the Indian representative of OEM) for repair and fitment of operator cabin, machine house, planum chamber assembly, right hand counter weight box, hatch cover, centre box etc. for Rs.20.8 lakhs. The repair is in progress. The spares required for re-commissioning of the shovel is under process of procurement. The total expenditure will be known only after completion of the work and re-commissioning of the equipment.

(c) Shovel was partially damaged and was taken out for re-commissioning/ repair on 3rd day itself.

(d) It is not true that the shovel has been damaged completely. The shovel has been partially damaged and the repair is going on to re-commission the shovel.

(e) Machine is still to be re commissioned.

Disinvestment from the Jabalpur GCF and Vehicle Factory

†3237. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to disinvest from the vehicle factory and gun carriage factory at Jabalpur;

(b) if so, the norms fixed for the same; and

(c) whether disinvestment will effect the secrecy of defence production of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

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